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First Generation College Project

he WorkSource is promoting the benefits of higher education to individuals who would be the first in their families to go to college. In a pilot project, it is partnering with schools, colleges and employers in the Montgomery/Walker and Galveston County areas to coordinate resources and provide encouragement to students and their families for taking the next step to a successful career.

The project provides high school students with individualized counseling that focuses on career awareness and explores career opportunities. Future careers are linked to key areas of high school study, including mathematics, science, computer literacy, problem solving and communications. Students learn about professional opportunities available through higher education in high-demand occupational areas and participate in workplace learning activities through paid internships and job shadowing.

The WorkSource asks high schools to help identify and recruit potential students for the project, as well as provide space for meetings and activities. Colleges are asked to host field trips and campus tours and sponsor a two-week math-science academy during the summer. Employers provide paid summer internship work opportunities, as well as supervision and mentoring of student interns on the job.

The WorkSource is responsible for creating linkages between business and the education system. Eligible students receive a \$500 scholarship per semester and assistance in choosing a career that is right for them. They also receive assistance in preparation for college entrance exams and with financial aid application.